

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1047

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A RESOLUTION to designate April 2010 as "Parliamentary Law Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, by teaching the philosophy underlying the rules of deliberative assemblies, parliamentarians promote law and order, justice and democracy; and

WHEREAS, knowledge of parliamentary procedure is a valuable skill which can enhance efficiency and harmony in organizational meetings; and

WHEREAS, April is Thomas Jefferson's birth month, and, in addition to being one of the most celebrated founding fathers, he was the brilliant author of the first American manual of parliamentary practice; and

WHEREAS, the year 2010 marks the 173rd anniversary of the birth of General Henry M. Roberts, author of Robert's Rules of Order, which stands as one of America's highest authorities on parliamentary law; and

WHEREAS, the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, the Newly Revised 10th Edition, is widely recognized as the leading parliamentary authority; and

WHEREAS, the correct use of parliamentary procedure protects the rights of the minority, the majority, individual members, and absentees, while fostering orderly deliberations; and

WHEREAS, it is timely to reflect upon the importance of parliamentary procedure in the meetings of both public and private organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Clarksville Zeta Chapter of the American Institute of Parliamentarians is celebrating Parliamentary Law Month to raise awareness of parliamentary law's impact on our businesses and communities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the General Assembly hereby designates April 2010, as "Parliamentary Law Month" in Tennessee and urges all citizens to join in this observance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.